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REPORT ON SMIRNOV, SMIRNOVA AND KRANIDOVA

2. "AMHARILIS"

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The neighbourly relations between SMIRNOVA[i] and KRANIDOVA[ii] [1 group unidentified]. We have informed the "SYNDICATE[SINDIKAT]"[iii] of this. You must deal with [1 group unidentified] the processing and checking of information coming in. For processing what goes out one cannot exclude the possibility of "AMEARILIS"[iv], [C] who possesses] full particulars of KRANIDOVA and her rôle. Through [1 group unidentified][a] warn SMIRNOV[v] that chatter about the work in [1 group unidentified] NKVD may [8 groups unrecoverable] SMIRNOV's transfer to someone from [1 group unidentified] in the capacity of a [1 group unidentified], preferably to our probationer [STAZHER].

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[CF Decisions] on questions of this nature are to be put into effect through [1 group unidentified][a], trade union and physical culture organisations.

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## VIKTOR[vi]

Note: [a] This unidentified group is the same in both instances.

Comments: [i] SMIRNOVA: Mina Stepanovra SMIRNOVA, wife of Anatolij Nikolaevich SMIRNOV (see Comment [v] below).

[ii] KRANIDOVA: Helen KRONIDOFF (wife of Alexander Mikhajlovich KRONIDOFF), Russian emigré, became Australian citizen in 1936.

[iii] SYNDICATE: People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs (NKID).

[iv] AMMARILIS: Presumably the name "AMARYLLIS" (the correct Russian spelling is AMARILLIS); unidentified coverword or covername. First occurrence.

[v] SMIRNOV: / Anatolij Nikolaevich SMIRNOV, cashier at the Soviet Legation in CANBERRA.

[vi] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

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